

serve to improve the uniformity of light intensity distribution in the light emitting surface 12.
See Ehara at col. 5, lines 12-22.

Thus, Ehara is directed to the properties of an input portion of a light guide plate and has nothing to do with the properties of a substrate of a display panel such as is recited in the independent claims and shown in Taniguchi. Instead, Ehara is directed to improving the performance of a light guide plate in which light input into the side of the plate is reflected upward to exit from a surface perpendicular to the side in which the light is input, a configuration that is inconsistent with the arrangement shown by Taniguchi. Thus, Taniguchi and Ehara recite very different structures such that one of ordinary skill in the art would have had no reason to turn to the structure of Ehara to identify ways to modify the structure of Taniguchi.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejections should be withdrawn.

In addition, Taniguchi, at col. 2, lines 61-64, discloses:

Color filters are formed between the second electrodes and the sealing plate. To obtain a multicolor display of good quality, a substrate-side surface of the sealing plate should be flat.

Thus, Taniguchi indicates that the surface of the sealing plate should be flat regardless of whether the color filters are provided on a transparent sealing glass plate 51 or on upper electrodes 16. Namely, even if color filters are provided on the upper electrode 16 as shown in FIGS. 8 and 10, this passage indicates that the substrate-side surface of the transparent sealing glass plate 51 is flat.

Accordingly, in addition to none of the references providing any reason to combine the references in the manner set forth in the rejection, Taniguchi appears to teach away from the combination proposed in the rejection through its recitation of the need for a flat surface.

For at least this additional reason, the rejections should be withdrawn.

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